2. Fraud and Cheating

(a) billing of vehicles actually owned by ITDC.

(b) dual employment.

(c) cheating of a foreign guest through visa credit card.

(d) acceptance of stolen travellers cheques.

3. Purchase and Contract

(a) purchase of sub-standarad stoneware crockery.

(b) purchase of equipments.

(c) award to contract for cleaning/servicing of cooking gas burners.

(d) award of contract for Master Antenna T.V.

(e) acceptance of illegal gratification for approving supplies at Ashok Yatri Niwas.

These cases date between May, 1989 to January, 1995.

(c), (d) and (f) No, Sir. The present CMD was appointed for a period of 2 years w.e.f. 1-10-1992 subject to the condition that his performance will be reviewed after one year for considering further continuance. Decision on his continuance it still under consideration. Meanwhile his tenure has been extended upto 31st March, 1995.

(e) CVC referred 13 complaints against CMD, ITDC to the Department of Tourism. Out of these 13 cases, comments on 3 complaints have already been sent to CVC. In one case the CVC accepted the finding of the Department of Tourism that no corruption was made out against the CMD in his earlier capacity as General Manager, Ashok Hotel but that an administrative lapse was involved. This case has since been closed with the issue of an administrative cautionary memo to CMD. In the other 2 cases the Department of Tourism has found nothing wrong in what the CMD has done but CVC is yet to take a view. The remaining 10 cases are under process.

Vayudoot Service for Punjab

149. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot Service for Punjab Sector has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Vayudoot operations in Northern Region, from its Delhi base were discontinued with effect from October 1993 due to commercial and operational constraints;

(c) Vayudoot has no immediate plans to resume operations in the Northern Region.

Seminar on Air Safety Norms

150. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Seminar on Air Safety Norms was held at New Delhi recently:

(b) if so, whether the experts participated in the seminar have stressed the need to ensure air safety;

(c) if so, the details of the point discussed in the seminar and the outcome thereof;